



IMMIGRATION COURT TRIAL ADVOCACY COLLEGE

Defensive Asylum

KANSAS CITY ♦ APRIL 25 - 27, 2024



DAY 1 – Thursday, April 25

Lathrop GPM offices

2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 2200, Kansas City, MO 64108

Registration: 9:10-9:25am CST (22nd floor lobby)

TIME	PANEL	INSTRUCTORS
9:30 – 9:45am	Introduction and Housekeeping (Lathrop Room)	<i>Rekha Sharma-Crawford</i>
9:45 – 11:00am	The Importance of Winning at Trial	<i>Rekha Sharma-Crawford Hon. Paul Schmidt (ret.) Hon. Lory Rosenberg (ret.) Hon. Ed Kelly (ret.)</i>
11:00am – Noon	The elements of your case and the fundamentals of storytelling	<i>Erich Straub</i>
12:00 – 12:20pm	<i>GRAB YOUR LUNCH</i>	
12:20 – 1:20pm	Lunch Discussion: A View from the Bench – Ethical Lawyering & Cultural Competency in Immigration Court	<i>Hon. Ed Kelly (ret.) Hon. Sue Roy (ret.) Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
1:20 – 2:00pm	Field trip to the Kansas City Immigration Court (5th floor of the same building) to observe Master hearings	
2:00 – 2:15pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:15 - 2:30pm	Closing Arguments Demonstration	<i>Faculty</i>
2:30 – 3:20pm	Opening Statements & Closing Arguments Fundamentals + Drills	<i>Small Breakout Groups*</i>
3:20 – 3:30pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
3:30 – 4:00pm	Objections & Defending Against Them + Demonstration	<i>Faculty</i>
4:00 – 5:00pm	Objections Fundamentals + Drills	<i>Small Breakout Groups*</i>

Happy Hour: 5:30pm, The Clinic at SCAL office, 515 Avenida Cesar E. Chavez, Kansas City MO 64108

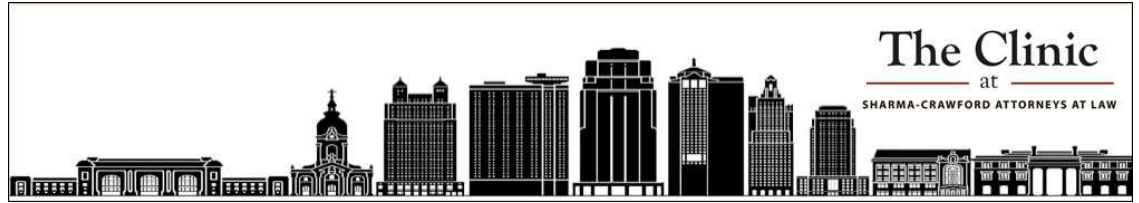
On the day of trial, participants will be expected to have reviewed and understood the course materials. In order to maximize your experience, please spend Thursday night reviewing them. Use storytelling fundamentals to start to put your case together. What are the strengths & weaknesses? What is your theme? Who is the villain, the hero, the victim?



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DAY 2 – Friday, April 26

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2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 2200, Kansas City, MO 64108

Check-In/Breakfast 8:30–8:55am CST

22nd floor lobby

TIME	PANEL	INSTRUCTORS
9:00 – 9:30am	Direct Examination Fundamentals + Demonstration (Lathrop Room)	<i>Faculty</i>
9:30 – 11:00am	Drills: Direct Examination	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>
11:00 – 11:15am	<i>BREAK</i>	
11:15 – 11:45am	Cross Examination Fundamentals + Demonstration	<i>Faculty</i>
11:45am – Noon	<i>GRAB YOUR LUNCH</i>	
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch discussion: Diagnosing a case for strengths & weaknesses – tips and strategies	<i>Genevra Alberti Michael Sharma-Crawford</i>
1:00 – 2:30pm	Drills: Cross Examination	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>
2:30 – 2:45pm	<i>BREAK</i>	
2:45 – 5:00pm	Quick witness prep demo by faculty, then meet and prep your witness;* practice direct and cross exam	<i>Small Breakout Groups with Faculty*</i>

Wrap up for the day

Mock Trials are tomorrow morning, so please spend the evening preparing!



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DAY 3 – Saturday, April 27

Jackson County Courthouse

415 East 12th Street

Kansas City, MO 64106

Check-In/Breakfast: 8:30-8:50am CST

Check in at the jury room – and give yourself time to get through security!

TIME	EVENT
9:00 – 11:00am	Trials (half of the groups)⁺ (run by conference attendees & judged by faculty)
11:00 – 11:20am	<i>BREAK</i>
11:30am – 1:30pm	Trials (other half of the groups)⁺ (run by conference attendees & judged by faculty)
1:30 – 1:45pm	<i>BREAK - PICK UP LUNCH</i>
1:45 – 2:45pm	Debrief with Faculty

Go. Fight. Win.

* During the breakout sessions on days 1 and 2, attendees will be broken up into small groups with attorney faculty/mentors assigned to each group. On day 2, each attendee will be provided with a volunteer witness (either a respondent or government witness) to prep for the mock trials to be held on day 3.

⁺ On day 3, conference attendees will be broken up into groups of 2; each group of 2 will run one trial - one attendee will act as Respondent's counsel, and one as DHS counsel; there will be one respondent per trial and one DHS witness per trial. The same volunteer witness you meet with on day 2 will act as your witness at your mock trial on day 3.